

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 281

By Floyd

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Dr. Nell Mohny upon being named a Diamond of Distinction by the American Lung Association.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Nell Mohny of Chattanooga is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, inspired by Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee, the American Lung Association in Tennessee is hosting its own special Diamond Celebration honoring women whose lives exemplify the spirit and intent of volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, just as Queen Elizabeth II has led her country for decades and continues to rule, Dr. Nell Mohny has been an active volunteer and public servant for decades and continue to be a pillar of her community; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mohny has been a vital, caring, and giving part of her community and state for many years, and she remains an active force and doer of good deeds today; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Nell Mohny is a *magna cum laude* graduate of Greensboro College, where she was named a Distinguished Alumnus, and she has been awarded the Doctor of Humane Letters degree by Tennessee Wesleyan College; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mohny is a renowned writer, lecturer, motivational speaker, and Sunday school teacher; her column appears weekly in the *Chattanooga Times Free Press*, and she is the author of thirteen books, including *Don't Put A Period Where God Put A Comma*, *How to be Up on Down Days*, *Don't Stop Kicking As Long As You Are Ticking*, *Get a Faith Lift*, *Develop Your Bounce Back Ability*, *You Can Soar Like an Eagle*, *Running the Marathon of Life*, *Slay Your Giants*, and *Just Choose Happiness*; and

WHEREAS, she speaks throughout the state and nation and leads seminars for business, professional, and church organizations; twice she has spoken at the International Women's Conference at the Crystal Cathedral in Garden Grove, California, and at the Pampered Chef national conventions in Chicago and Toronto, Canada; and

WHEREAS, in 1993, she was named to the Chattanooga Women of Distinction Hall of Fame, she was named a biographee in Marquis' *Who's Who in America* in 1998, and she was named a Tennessee Woman of Distinction in 1999; and

WHEREAS, a devoted mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, Dr. Nell Mohney is a dynamo of good deeds and a true jewel in the Chattanooga community's crown; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mohney is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor Dr. Nell Mohney upon being named a Diamond of Distinction by the American Lung Association for her "decades of doing" and salute her unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.